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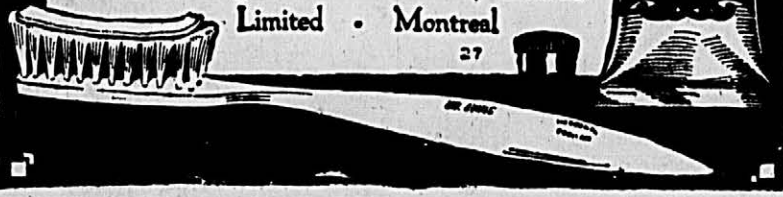
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P.P.C.L.I. MAN BACK HOME ON FURLOUGH

Member of 5th University Co. Wounded at Somme.

RELATES EXPERIENCES.

"Got Them Fixed in the Air and Everywhere," says A. E. Twible.

The 5th Universities Co. (P.P.C.L.I.) left Montreal early in the spring of 1916. After a short period of training in England the company proceeded to France, as reinforcements. Since then it has been through much of the war's heaviest fighting, and along with the other reinforcing companies of the Princess Pat's, has sustained the reputation of the original regiment.

The 5th Universities Co. was perhaps even more intimately connected with McGill than any of the companies, with the exception of the first. As did the others, they occupied Molson Hall, and were consequently always about the University. In addition to this, however, a portion of the company were quartered in the Union, and hence were brought into close contact with the students. Also several members of the student body enlisted in the company. For these various reasons the "Fifth" seems particularly to be affiliated with McGill.

So that the other evening, when a returned 5th University Co. man visited the Daily Office, the staff greeted him with open arms, regardless of the fact that he had never attended McGill. Pte. A. E. Twible went to France with the company, and after eight months of strenuous service, including participation in the Somme offensive, he was wounded in the knee, and invalided to England, where until recently he has been engaged in performing clerical work. Pte. Twible is at present at his home in Toronto on furlough.

At Courcellette Pte. Twible received his wound from an exploding shrapnel. It was during the fighting here that the tanks first made their appearance. The effect on the Germans was marvellous, said the returned man. They were dazed and easy victims for our snipers.

It was at Courcellette, too, that the Princess Pat's carried off the laurels. They were not content with merely attaining their objective, but succeeded in greatly exceeding it. Pte. Twible said the English Tommies "swear at the Canadians. They tell them to send over five shots, and the Canadians reply with a volley of 25." The artillery on the Somme was magnificent. At times the guns were ranged almost hub to hub.

The sudden, unexpected advance revealed the German trenches and dug-outs in all their elaborateness, and completeness. The German dug-outs were about 40 feet underground, with often three flights of stairs. In comparison our trenches were no more than mere ditches.

These dug-outs are fitted out with practically every possible comfort, and bear upon them the stamp of permanency in contrast to the decidedly temporary structure of ours. Though the Germans in the front lines are well fed they lack "zip," and there is a "lot of the Kamerad stuff." They are on the whole a decidedly inferior looking class, though commanded by efficient and fully competent officers.

That the Allies have the upper hand in all respects was the optimistic opinion of the soldier. When our artillery opens on them the Germans "soon shut up." "We've got them fixed in the air and everywhere." For example, forty balloons of ours are up, and only one belong to the enemy, and our plants very soon put an end to Fritz's one.

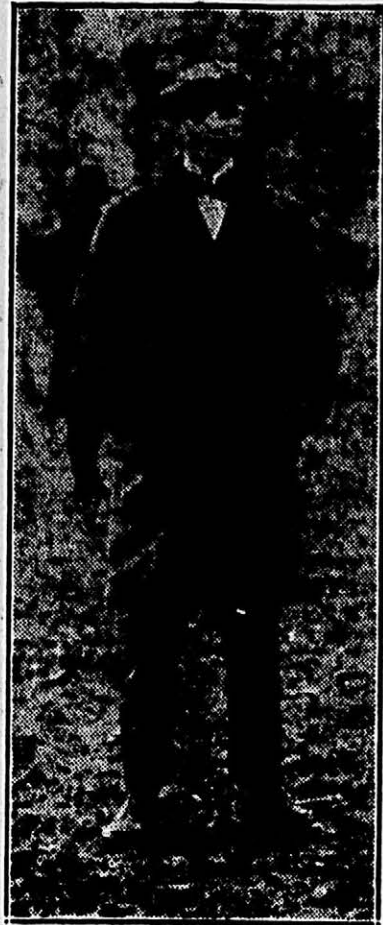
With reference to the medical service at the front, Pte. Twible made the single statement, "It is marvellous." He mentioned several instances where what might be called miraculous operations had been successfully performed.

Pte. Twible spoke of Nicholson, Arts '18, who is now a lieutenant at the front but was originally a member of the 5th Universities Company. He was also greatly disturbed at hearing of the death of Pte. P. A. Bieler, Arts '18, a member of the same reinforcing company.

FILIPINO LIBRARIES.

MANILA, Philippines. — The year 1916 was notable for the increased emphasis placed upon the establishment and extension of school libraries, says the Times. The Director of Education announced at the vacation assembly at Baguio that it was his aim to establish as rapidly as possible a library of at least a few carefully selected books in every school, whether primary, intermediate or secondary; and this plan has been carried out generally.

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WHAT'S ON.

TO-DAY.

100. p.m.—R.V.C. '20 Meeting. 4.00—6.30 p.m.—Med. exams. for students—names beginning with J, K, or L.

4.00 p.m.—Med. Football Practice.

4.00 p.m.—Cercle Francais.

4.30 p.m.—C.O.T.C. Drill.

5.00 p.m.—Homer and the Homeric Age, by Principal Peterson at R.V.C.

7.30 p.m.—Students' Council Meeting.

8.00 p.m.—M.S.C. vs. McGill, Water Polo.

8.00—9.00 p.m.—Med. exams for Medical students of Second and Third Years; names beginning with A to K.

COMING.

Oct. 17.—Students' Society Meeting in Union, 5.00 p.m.

Oct. 17.—Delta Sigma, 2.15 p.m.

Oct. 19.—University Sports.

Oct. 22.—Arts' Election for President and Secretary of Undergraduate Society.

KEITH GORDON RETURNING.

News has come in a letter from the McGill Battery that J. Keith Gordon, Arts '16, Med. '19, is returning to McGill to finish his course in Medicine. Gordon enlisted in the Army Medical Corps, and has been acting as Medical Sergeant attached to the McGill Battery.

ATTENTION, SCIENCE!

A practice of the Science football team is called for Wednesday afternoon at 4.45, on the lower Campus. Sophomores and Freshmen are urgently requested to turn out. Men to meet in the Common Room between 4.30 and 4.45.

ECONOMICS' CLUB RE-ORGANIZED.

Those interested in the re-organization of the Economics' Club met yesterday afternoon in the Arts' Smoking Room. Although only ten or twelve were present it was decided to proceed with the election of officers. The following constitute the executive as chosen:

Honorary Advisors: Dr. Leacock and Dr. Hemmeon.

President: P. Presner.

Vice-Pres.: B. Joseph.

Secretary: J. K. Mergier.

Treasurer: B. N. Holtham.

Committee to invite R.V.C. members: Grant Smart and J. K. Mergier.

PENN. GYMNASIUM TEAM.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Men who were on last year's University of Pennsylvania gymnastic team are asked to report for practice beginning this week, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, at 5 o'clock. A call for new men will be made soon, to begin work November 5. Special attention will be given all candidates coming out this year, because war conditions have so depleted the team that an entire re-organization will be necessary, and plenty of new material will be needed.

The leaders of the team this year are as follows: Captain, T. S. Fitchett, '19; manager, R. C. Vonnegut, '18, and W. G. Larzelere, '19, assistant manager.

STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Students' Society will be held in the McGill Union on Wednesday, October 17th, 1917, at 6 p.m.

"BILL" HUGHES TO MANAGE JOINT TEAM

Combined Forces of Arts and Law to Meet Medicine.

V. S. GREEN OVERSEAS.

Elections for President and Secretary of Arts' Undergrad. Called for Oct. 22nd.

A meeting of the Arts' Undergraduate Society was held yesterday at 12.45 p.m. In the absence of the President, V. S. Green, the vice-president, H. A. Aylen, occupied the chair. The reading of the minutes was necessarily dispensed with owing to the fact that the Minute Book could not be secured for the occasion.

The Chairman first reported on the business completed since the close of the last session as follows: "The newly revised constitution has been published and is obtainable from the Janitor. (2) A temporary Honour Roll has been erected in the Arts' Building. (3) A drinking fountain has been placed in the hall of the building.

Following this enumeration the vice-president announced that the President, V. S. Green, had recently gone overseas, connected with the Royal Naval Air Service. In referring to Green, the chairman stated that to him belonged the entire credit for the various improvements above enumerated. A vote of thanks to the retiring President was then proposed, but was postponed until a future meeting, owing to the fact that full particulars regarding Green's enlistment, etc., were not available.

The question of the election of a new President was decided by fixing the date of election for Monday, Oct. 22nd, and it was finally decided to make this the occasion for the election of the secretary as well. In connection with this matter the fact that nominations must be turned in not later than the fifth day prior to the elections was emphasized.

The next matter of business attended to was the appointing of a Reading Room Committee. Nominations were made with the result that A. I. Smith, '19, and J. T. O'Brien, '20, were elected as a Reading Room Committee.

The chairman also intimated that a Dinner and Entertainment Committee would have to be appointed as soon as possible, in order to arrange for the Arts' Undergraduate social functions.

The next item of business to come up for discussion was the election of a manager for the Arts and Law football teams. "Bill" Hughes was elected by acclamation to this office. In accepting the position of manager, "Bill" pleaded for a better spirit and a closer co-operation than ever. He stated that the time for preparation was short, next Thursday being the date fixed for the first game of the series—Arts and Law vs. Medicine. Though Science and Medicine have in former years proved tough propositions, there is no reason why Arts and Law should not expect to win the series this year. "Bill" referred to the advent of Gallery and Dooner into Interfaculty football, and with these two splendid acquisitions he held out brightest hopes for the Arts and Law team being a winner. The new manager emphasized the fact that every man had a chance to make a place on the team, and exhorted all to turn out and have a try. He also urged called for rooters. To those who might be unable to play Bill threw out the exhortation "get up there and root." The manager also referred to the possibility and even hinted at the probability of there being an intercollegiate series. "Get out and try for the team; it means a trip to Toronto, an M, besides the honour, which is no small one—of being a member of McGill's Senior Football team."

Bill was heartily applauded, and after arranging for a football meeting to be held at an early date, the meeting adjourned.

MED. FOOTBALL PRACTICE.

There will be a practice of the Medicine football team at 4 p.m. sharp to-day. All those wishing to try for a place on the team are requested to be on hand at the Stadium.

SOME ACCURACY!

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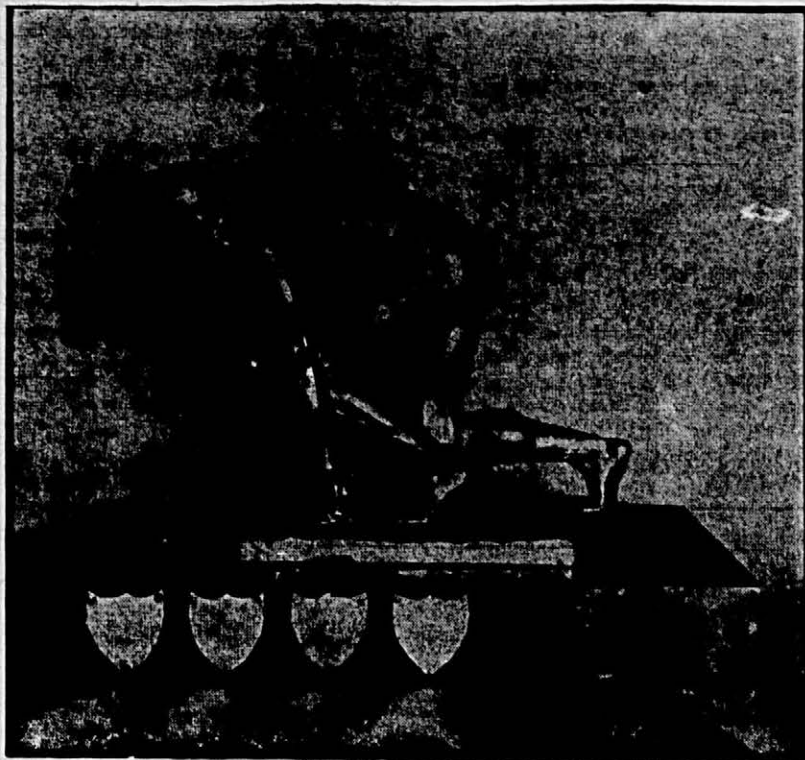
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Model Athletes.

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Being a Canadian, the war was new when he asked for leave of 18 months from his duties at the University, and enlisted in the Army Medical Corps.

He was first attached to the Headquarters staff at Aldershot, and it was while he was inspecting Kitchener's Army and his eye marked the unfit men who might be raised to 100 per cent. efficiency with a little remedial work, that he conceived the idea of the Command Depots.

The above is one of his most successful figures, "The Sprinter."

Major McKenzie, who has been appointed by the Military Hospitals Commission to make a survey of its institutions, with a view to developing physical therapy on extensive lines, returns to Canada, where he gained his first prominence as medical director of the physical training in McGill, credited with one of the greatest works in the British Army, the creation of 16 Command Depots in England, where the incapacitated are cured through remedial exercise and physical therapy, new armies are made from old, and the margin of war wastage cut to the minimum.

Major McKenzie, as professor of physical therapy and director of physical training and sports in the University of Pennsylvania, in the ten years before the war, made himself one of the foremost men in his line in America, and wrote a text book, "Exercise in Education and Medicine" which is used in the finest colleges and universities on the continent.

MANDOLIN CLUB.

The Mandolin Club will continue playing during the present season, if sufficient support is found among the student body.

All the old members were present at Monday's meeting, and were unanimous in their desire to "carry on."

Though great enthusiasm was evinced, the attendance showed a lack of interest among the First Year men. Surely out of the large Freshman classes there must be several mandolin, guitar or banjo players.

We make an appeal to all men who can play to turn out with the Club at the next meeting, Thursday, the 18th, at 7:15 p.m. just before drill, in the Band Room, at the Union.

If you are at all interested, ask any of the following men for further information:

ROWING AT YALE.

An interesting development in Yale athletics was the announcement that there will be rowing at Yale this year if arrangements can be made that will not interfere with the work of the reserve officers' training corps and Yale naval unit. Inter-class races are being considered, but these and all other crew work will be abandoned if the military and naval authorities so desire.

formation:

Prof. Reilly, Physics Building.
A. A. Scott, Physics Building.
Fotman, Med. '20.
McSweeney, Med. '21.
Moquin, Sci. '19 (Chem. Building).
Binnmore, Sci. '19 (Chem. Building).
McCullough, Sci. '21 (Chem. Building).

MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER MILITARY SERVICE ACT.

Every male student between the ages of 20 and 34, who is unmarried, must be examined under the Military Service Act. A great many students have not yet complied with the regulations. As a great deal of time is necessarily wasted when students have to appear as individuals before the Medical Board, arrangements are being made whereby a special board will be held for students.

The arrangements are in the hands of Captain Simpson, and when interviewed this evening, he informed us that steps are to be taken immediately to obtain a list of the men who have not yet been examined, and that as soon as this is obtained the time and place of examination will be announced.

It is very important that this matter be attended to at once, as no claim for exemption can be filed until after the applicant has been examined by one of the Medical Boards.

ELK GETTING SCARCER.

Next in importance to big-horn sheep, though least in numbers, among the Rocky Mountain big game, is the American elk or wapiti. It once ranged nearly the entire continent in millions, but is now reduced so greatly that it has become possible to take a reasonably accurate census of its numbers. Its habitat was originally from Mexico to the Peace river, and from the Pacific to the Atlantic, between the St. Lawrence and the coast of South Carolina. To-day, a few scattered bands along the Rockies, between Colorado and the Brazeau river and some isolated herds in the forests of northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan, comprise the entire wild elk left in North America.

Probably the total does not exceed 60,000 head, less than 5,000 of which are found in Canada. In the Rockies there are probably from 175 to 365, of which the insignificant remnant in the valley of the Brazeau is the last of the original elk herds of Alberta. Those now found in the south are British Columbia elk that have migrated to the East slope since the inauguration of a closed season on elk in Alberta some five or six years ago.

Elk are grazing animals, but have been forced to become forest dwellers. They live principally on grass, weeds, and low brush, such as small poplar, birch and willows. This dependence upon grass and weed range and the inability to subsist on browse alone introduces some important elements into the problem of their permanent protection which are not prominent in relation to the other big game of the Rockies.

They are the largest round-horned deer in the world, and, except in Yellowstone Park, and possibly in Alberta and British Columbia, where closed seasons have been established just in time, are rapidly following in the wake of the buffalo and antelope. Only very drastic measures taken at once will save them from total extermination in Canada.

FOOTBALL SUITS.

Men wishing to borrow football suits can obtain them on application to Mr. Melville, at the office of the Students' Council, between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to-day. All men getting suits must leave a deposit of One Dollar.



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G. PROWSE,
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There will be a meeting of the French Executive on Wednesday at 1.30.

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LOST.

On Oct. 15, either in the Library or in the Arts Building, a small silver mesh purse, containing some silver and car fare. Finder please return to Janitor of Arts Building.

The Christmas Comfort Bags which are to be sent by the Daughters of the Empire to men fighting overseas may now be obtained in the Common Room of the R.V.C. All the girls who have signed up for these bags are requested to call for them and fill them as soon as possible, as they must be returned by Friday, Oct. 19.

Last year stockings were filled and sent to the soldiers for Christmas, but this year it has been decided by the Daughters of the Empire that cretonne bags will be much more serviceable and more likely to reach their destination quite whole. The material for these bags, together with a number of useful articles, is furnished by the I.O.D.E. Anything else, however, may be added to fill up the bag, and give the receiver a happier Christmas.

Do not forget, but come to the Common Room to-day and get your bag, any time between eleven and one o'clock.

Do it Now!

There will be a meeting of R.V.C. 21 to-day at five minutes to one in the Mathematics Room.

A CHANGING MOOD.

Speaking about the flood of war poetry, Teuton calculators have been busy over statistics in Germany. A professor in Munich University has made an estimate and given it out in all seriousness that during the first five months of the war three million poems were composed in Germany. A noted German critic declared that fifty thousand poems a day were written in the first months, and six millions in the first year! He waves the information triumphantly in the face of such enemy poets as Maeterlinck and Verhaeren, and all others who accuse Germany of barbarism. The computation, covers, of course, all the poetry that did not get itself printed, and all printed that was not worth printing.

The "hate" movement in German poetry, of which Lissner's famous "hymn" is first in literary merit and first in passion, did not last long—that is, as a poetic movement. A writer on "The War and German Poets" in the Contemporary Review, tells us that a number of German professors (naming two of them) poured ridicule on it; that Karl Bleibtreu wrote an emphatic protest against it; and that Lissner himself published a "partial disclaimer" in the Berlin Tageblatt. The school was named Lissnerer, and an anthology was published with the title, "Wehe dir England." (Woe to Thee, England). Very lately, one of their poets, Richard Wehmek, whose poetry hitherto has been warlike, has come out with a volume entitled "Poems of Peace." In this, we are told, he is typical of the German war-poets. More and more they turn towards peace, or "at least away from empty military boasting and mere blind hate." There are grave reasons, quite apart from art, for the changing mood.

Remember the "Afternoon with Pickwick," held by the Delta Sigma Society next Wednesday. The performance begins at 3.30 p.m.

There will be a meeting of Arts '20 to-day at one o'clock in the Latin Room.

For inter-year tennis, see the Athletic notice-board. Read the rules carefully, and be sure to have matches played up-to-date, or lose by default.

There will be a meeting of the Undergraduate Society to-morrow in the Common Room. It is earnestly requested that everyone make an effort to attend, as important business is to be discussed, including subscription to the Daily,—and a quorum must be had.

GREEK POETRY FOR ENGLISH READERS.

The next lecture of this course, "Homer and the Homeric Age," will be delivered by the Principal to-day, at 5 p.m., in the Assembly Hall of the R.V.C. The lecture is free for all students, and to the public. Students are requested to take seats in the central part of the hall, and not to use the gallery.

TIME, YOU OLD GIPSY MAN.

Time, you old gipsy man,
Will you not stay,
Put up your caravan,
Just for a day?
All things I'll give you,
Will you be my guest?
Bells for your jennet,
Of silver the best.
Goldsmiths shall beat you
A great golden ring,
Peacocks shall bow to you,
Little boys sing,
Oh, and sweet girls will
Festoon you with May,
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STUDENTS' COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the Students' Council will be held in the Union this evening at 7.30 p.m.

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TRACK CLUB MEETING.

A meeting of the Track Club was held yesterday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in the Union, to discuss the coming University Sports. Owing to trouble caused by the great number of post entries for the Freshman-Sophomore meet of last Saturday, it was decided that no post entries would be accepted after Thursday night.

An innovation was introduced in the form of an inter-faculty relay race, this being judged more suitable than an inter-year contest, as the seniors would have difficulty in bringing out a team. It is hoped that the athletes of the different faculties will show some interest in the relay, and will endeavour to hold practices to decide the runners who will uphold the honour of Arts Science and Medicine respectively.

A list of officials for Friday was drawn up, which will be published later in the Daily. The entry list is now open at the Union for prospective competitors.

TRUTH.

Truth scarce ever carried it by vote at its first appearance; new opinions are suspected and opposed without other reason, but because they are not already common. But truth, like gold, is not the less so for being newly brought out of the mine. — John Locke.

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